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EMPLOYEES UNDER ESI SCHEME
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees covered under ESI scheme in 2002-03 till date as compared to the previous year;

(b) the reasons for the decline in the number of patients covered under ESI Scheme during 2002-2003 till date; and

(c) the steps taken to reduce this decline?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): As on 31.3.2002, 71,59,350 employees and as on 31.3.2001, 80,03,800 employees were covered under the Employees State Insurance Scheme.

(b) & (c): The decline in the coverage of employees is due to the ceiling of wage limit prescribed under the ESI Scheme. The ESI Scheme is being gradually extended to new geographical areas and new sectors of employment. The quality of services under the ESI Scheme is also being constantly improved and monitored to make it attractive to the workers.